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SUBJECT: NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT

1. WE HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO UNBLOCK THE CURRENT IMPASSE ON NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATIONS BY GAINING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL THE PERTINENT PARTIES, STARTING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS, OF THE SEVEN POINT PROPOSAL WHICH WAS DEVELOPED IN SEPTEMBER, 1976 AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND THE SAG AND REFINED IN COMMUNICATIONS THEREAFTER.

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2. AT BASE THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR PARALLEL GENEVA CONFERENCES ON NAMIBIA AT WHICH THE NAMIBIANS, INCLUDING SWAPO AND TURNHALLE REPRESENTATIVES, MEETING TOGETHER UNDER UN AUSPICES WOULD DETERMINE THE SHAPE OF A FUTURE INDEPENDENT NANIBIA AND THEN TOGETHER NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S UITHDRAWAL FROM THE TERRITORY AND ITS FUTURE RELATIOS WITH THE INDEPENDENT STATE. SOUTH AFRICA HAS

AGREED I; ADVANCE TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE
AMONG THE NAMIBIANS.

3. SOUTH AFRICA HAS PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE SEVEN POINTS
AND HAS MADE SOME ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS AND SWAPO AND THE

FRONT LINE STATES ARE AWARE OF ITS AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION
SOUTH AFRICA HAS AGREED THAT ONLY A REPRESENTATIVE
DELEGATION FROM WINDHOEK WILL ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE AND HAS AGREED TO A SUBSTANTIAL RELEASE OF
POLITICAL PRISONERS. SWAPO HAS NOT ACCEPTED THE SOUTH
AFRICAN PROPOSAL AND ENCOURAGED BY THE FRONT LINE STATES

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